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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper 9) mailed on July 3, 2001, Applicants elect the invention of Group III(claim 38) drawn to a method of inducing differentiation of a bone marrow stromal cell, classified in class 435, subclass 377. This election is made without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to prosecute claims which are equal to or broader in scope in this, or future applications related to the above-identified patent application.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

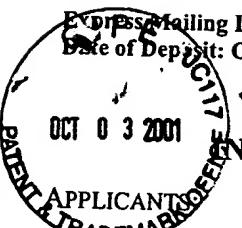
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 21486-028).

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- Response to Restriction Requirement (1 pg.);
- Petition to Correct Inventorship (1 pg.);
- Preliminary Amendment (5 pgs.);
- Check # 10421 for \$130.00; and
- Return Postcard.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21486-028. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

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